GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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UNFIT STOCK OF SUNOLA REFINED OIL IN SUPER BAZAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 1000 cases of Sunola Refined Oil which had been procured bythe Super Bazar from Tamil Nadu Agro Industries Corporation Limited has been rendered unfit for human consumption since the stock in question had remained unsold beyond May, 2000;

(b) whether this unfit stock were re-stamped / re-labelled in contravention of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules;

(c) the role played by the Quality Control Department of Super Bazar to stop the sale of the expired items; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the Super Bazar against the official involved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTIRBUTION (SHRI V. SREE PRASAD)

(a) & (b): The Super Bazar has informed that only 558 cases of `Sunola` Refinedoil packed in 1 litre pouches with labels `best before May 2000` procured from the Tamil Nadu Agro-Industries Corporation Ltd. remained unsold beyond May 2000.These had not been rendered unfit for human consumption. The manufacture was allowed to carryout re-labelling of the oil pouches at his request.

(c) & (d): The role of the Quality Control Department of Super Bazar isonly to test the item to check whether it is as per the specifications prescribed by the PFA Act/Rules and also Super Bazar`s own specifications.The oil supplied by M/s Tamilnadu Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. was last checked by Super Bazar`s Quality Control Department on 2.8.2000 and was found to be in order.